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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE
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Dear Sir:

This paper is responsive to the Office Action mailed on July 2, 2002 (Paper No.

3). Please amend the application as follows:

AMENDMENT

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please make the following changes to the claims. A marked up version of the original claims is attached as Appendix 1.

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1. (Amended) A method of welding comprising the steps of:
providing a differential housing surface;
providing a blank surface;
generating heat from at least one of these surfaces at their interface sufficient to weld the surfaces together; and
applying the surfaces together.